

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Reference: Council-2024-0883

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Mackenzie District Council  
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Dear Suzanne

**Mackenzie District Plan Review – Stage Four**

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) has reviewed the Section 42A reports for the Mackenzie District Plan Review – Stage Four, in particular the recommendations that respond to NZTA's submission points.

Based on our agreement with the recommendations made by the reporting officer, NZTA will not be presenting evidence in person at the hearing.

We request that this statement is tabled for the Hearings Panel to record our position on the reporting officer's recommendations.

If the Hearing Panel have any questions or require clarification on NZTA's position, please contact the writer by phone or email below.

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix 1 – NZTA's response to the reporting officer's recommendations

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Submission Point	NZTA Submission	Officer's Recommendation	NZTA Response
<b>Plan Change 28 – Hazards and Risks, Historic Heritage and Notable Trees, and Variations</b>			
<b>45.01</b> <b>Definition of critical infrastructure</b>	Retain as notified.	Recommend that the critical infrastructure definition is amended to clarify that only permanent NZDF buildings and structures are included in the definition, and to delete 'telecommunications and' to align with the NESTF.  Recommend that the definition chapeau be amended to align more closely with the CRPS definition of the same.	Accept the reporting officer's recommended changes to the definition.
<b>45.03</b> <b>NH-P4</b>	Amend to include the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrading of critical infrastructure where it does not increase flood risk on another site.	Recommend a new policy is inserted before NH-P5 is to provide policy guidance for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, upgrading of critical infrastructure within a High Flood Hazard Area.	Accept the reporting officer's new recommended policy.
<b>45.04</b> <b>NH-P8</b>	Retain as notified.	Retain as notified.	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>45.05</b> <b>TREE-R2</b>	Amend to include reference to the Government Roding Powers Act 1989.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>Plan Change 29 – Open Space and Recreation Zones, Noise, Signs and Temporary Activities, and Variations</b>			
<b>20.02</b> <b>NOISE-P2</b>	Support the management of noise sensitive activities in proximity to state highways.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>20.03</b> <b>NOISE-R16</b>	Rename 'State Highway Noise Corridor Overlay' to 'Noise control boundary overlay (state highways)'.  Amend map notation to align with national planning standards.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>20.04</b> <b>NOISE-R16.1</b>	Amend NOISE-R16.1 to apply to the new building, altered part, or changed use.	Accept in part.	Accept the reporting officer's recommended changes.
<b>20.05</b> <b>NOISE-R16.1</b>	Request that the name of NZTA is changed.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>20.06</b> <b>SIGN-P3</b>	Support the management of signs to protect the health and safety of users of the transport network.  Request that the efficiency of the transport network is also included.	Reject	Accept the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>20.08</b> <b>SIGN-R2</b>	Retain as notified.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.

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<b>20.09</b> <b>SIGN-S1</b>	Support the standard in particular the requirement for signs to not resemble any traffic sign or other traffic control device.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>20.12</b> <b>TEMP-P1</b>	Amend to include reference the scale of activities and their effects on the safety and efficiency of the transport network.	Reject	Accept the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>20.13</b> <b>TEMP-R2</b>	Amend to require that the event does not have direct access onto a state highway.	Reject	Accept the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>Plan Change 30 – Special Purpose Zones, Variation 2 to Plan Change 23, Variation 3 to Plan Change 26, and Variation 3 to Plan Change 27</b>			
<b>12.06</b> <b>PDSPZ-P1</b>	Amend to include specific consideration of state highway access as part of the outline development plan process.	Accept in part	Accept the reporting officer's recommended changes.
<b>12.07</b> <b>PDSPZ-R1</b>	Amend point 1 d. within the rule to ensure the effects of developing the zone on the state highway can be appropriately assessed by providing the form and location of state highway access.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>12.09</b> <b>PVSPZ-P1</b>	Amend to include specific consideration of state highway access as part of the outline development plan process.	Accept in part	Accept the reporting officer's recommended changes.
<b>12.10</b> <b>PVSP-R1</b>	Amend point 1 d. within the rule to ensure the effects of developing the zone on the state highway can be appropriately assessed by providing the form and location of state highway access.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>12.01</b> <b>AIRPZ-P1</b>	Retain as notified.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>12.02</b> <b>AIRPZ-S1</b>	Retain as notified.	Accept	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>12.03</b> <b>GSPZ-P1</b>	Oppose. Delete P1 and replace with a new 'Outline Development Plan Process' policy.	Reject	Accept the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>12.04</b> <b>GSPZ-Rx</b>	Insert a 'Approval of Outline Development Plans' rule.	Reject	Accept the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>12.05</b> <b>GSPZ-MD</b>	Insert matters of discretion including an equivalent of PDSPZ-MD3 Access and Infrastructure.	Reject	Accept the reporting officer's recommendation.
<b>Designations</b>			

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04.01	Retain NZTA designations in the designation schedule as notified.	Recommend that the Hearing Panel recommend to the Requiring Authority that NZTA-1, NZTA2, and NZTA-3 are confirmed and amended.	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.
04.02	<p>NZTA requests that the state highway designation geospatial shapefiles be corrected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reinstate the operative state highway designation over the areas outlined in Attachment A. These areas are currently designated in the Operative District Plan. The omission of our designation over these areas is a mapping error.</li><li>Reduce the proposed state highway designation along a small section of State Highway 8 south-west of Lake Takapō, as outlined in Attachment A.</li></ul>	Recommend that the Hearing Panel recommend to the Requiring Authority that NZTA-1, NZTA2, and NZTA-3 are confirmed and amended.	Agree with the reporting officer's recommendation.